

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB STORY**, on April 18, 2001 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Story, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Keith Bales (R)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Eileen Carney (D)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Ronald Devlin (R)
Rep. John Esp (R)
Rep. Gary Forrester (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Butch Waddill (R)
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)
Rep. David Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Rhonda Van Meter, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 21, 4/16/2001

HEARING ON SJ 21

Sponsor: SEN. LORENTS GROSFIELD, SD 13, BIG TIMBER

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. LORENTS GROSFIELD, SD 13, BIG TIMBER, said this bill came as a request from the Senate Taxation Standing Committee. He explained the concept of the bill and how it dealt with taxation of rural land no longer in agriculture use. He mentioned land being taken out of production within the state. He addressed property taxes involved and the heritage value among properties, which this bill would assist.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REP. TRUDI SCHMIDT asked who originally carried the bill. SEN. GROSFIELD explained SB 516 relating to this issue and that he was the sponsor.

REP. VERDELL JACKSON mentioned small acreage lands and asked if unintended consequences from this bill would be effective. SEN. GROSFIELD thought in 1973 the subdivision law was reformed. He explained subdivision review and the effect of the law.

REP. JACKSON explained his land and how it would be possible to consolidate. SEN. GROSFIELD mentioned scenarios that might be present from this bill.

REP. JOE BALLYEAT wondered about the study and how they could insure the study was taking place. SEN. GROSFIELD gave reasons for the study and felt the language in the bill would assist the changing patterns involved with the study.

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. LORENTS GROSFIELD, SD 13, BIG TIMBER, closed on the bill. He felt a study would be appropriate to extend assistance for properties and the taxes involved.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 21

Motion/Vote: REP. ESP moved SJ 21 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 19-1 with REP. JACKSON voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:25 A.M.

REP. BOB STORY, Chairman

CECILE M. TROPILA, Transcriptionist

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EXHIBIT (tah87aad)